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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

collecting from a second user, a request that a first user ship a particular parcel to a destination to be designated by the second user;

according to the request by the second user, collecting, from the first user via a first set of interactive accesses to the shipping management computer system by a first computer device, a set of information corresponding to the request comprising: (A) parcel specifications for shipping the particular parcel to the destination to be designated by the second user, (B) an origin address associated with the first user from which the particular parcel would be shipped, and (C) shipping preferences for shipping the particular parcel to the second user;

collecting, from the second user via a second set of interactive accesses to the shipping management computer system by a second computer device, a set of recipient information corresponding to the request comprising: (A) a destination address to which the particular parcel is to be shipped by the first user, (B) an identification of a carrier to be used in shipping the package to the destination address, and (C) a delivery service by which the carrier is to ship the package to the destination address;

calculating a shipping rate corresponding to the request, according to the set of recipient information collected from the second user and according to the set of information collected from the first user, to be charged for having the

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carrier ship the particular parcel from the origin address to the destination address via the delivery service; and

displaying the shipping rate to a display device selected from a group consisting of: (A) a first display device that is in communication with the first computer device, and (B) a second display device that is in communication with the second computer device, wherein said shipping rate is calculated according to:

- (1) the parcel specifications and the origin address input by the first user, and
- (2) the destination address, the selection of the carrier, and the selection of the delivery service input by the second user.

Claims 13-29. (Canceled).

- 30. (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed for:
- (A) receiving from a first user client computer device through a first access path, an input by a first user of a set of parcel specifications corresponding to a transaction between the first user and the second user for a particular parcel to be shipped by the first user to a destination to be designated by a second user, said set of parcel specifications comprising:
 - (1) an origin address associated with the first user, and
 - (2) at least one of:
 - a parcel type,
 - a set of parcel dimensions,
 - a package weight, or
 - a value of the particular parcel,
- (B) receiving from a second user client computer device through a second access path, an input by the second user corresponding to the transaction between the first user and the second user of a set of recipient information for a

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delivery of the particular parcel to a destination indicated by the second user, said set of recipient information comprising:

- (1) a delivery address to which the particular parcel is to be delivered,
- (2) a delivery service by which the particular parcel is to be delivered to the delivery address, and
- (3) a carrier that is to deliver the particular parcel to the delivery address;
- (C) calculating a shipping rate corresponding to the transaction between the first user and the second user, according to the input by the first user and the input by the second user, for shipping the particular parcel from the origin address to the delivery address via said delivery service and said carrier, wherein said computer system is configured to calculate the shipping rate according to at least: (1) said parcel specifications; (2) said delivery address; (3) said delivery service; and (4) said carrier; and
- (D) displaying the shipping rate to a second display device in communication with the second user client computer device, wherein:

said first user accesses the shipping management computer system via the first access path through a global communications network using the first user client computer device, and

said second user accesses the shipping management computer system via the second access path through the global communications network using the second user client computer device.

Claims 31-53. (Cancelled).

54. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 30, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for:

displaying to the second display device in communication with the second user client computer device used by a second user, a list of permissible payment methods; and

receiving a selection of a particular payment method from the list of permissible payment methods, said particular payment method selected by the second user to pay for: (A) a purchase of an item by the second user from the first user, and (B) a shipment of the item in the particular parcel from the first user to the second user.

55. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 54, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for:

reporting to the first user client computer device a receipt of a payment for the purchase of the item and for shipment of the item.

56. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 54, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for:

generating a shipping label for shipping the particular parcel from the origin address associated with the first user, to the delivery address to which the particular parcel is to be delivered; and

printing the shipping label on a first print rendering device in communication with the first user client computer device.

57. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 12, said shipping management computer system being further programmed for:

generating a shipping label for the delivery service and the carrier to ship the particular parcel from the origin address to the destination address; and

printing the shipping label on a first print rendering device that is disposed for communication with the first computer device.